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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006 for the above-identified application for patent. In light of the amendments and remarks provided in each of the separate sections below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as the application is now in a condition for allowance.

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